

Social and Personal

M. AND MRS. W. YORKE STEVENSON, of 251 South 18th street, have issued invitations for Thursday evening, January 23. The evening will be devoted to manuscript and dance interpretations of lyrics.

Miss Athalia Hirst, debutante daughter of Mrs. James Hirst, will entertain informally tomorrow afternoon at the matinee, to be followed by tea at the Rita-Carlton.

The wedding of Miss Sara Lippincott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertram Lippincott, and Nicholas Biddle will take place on Thursday, February 11.

Mrs. James Mapes Dodge and Miss Josephine Dodge will entertain at luncheon on January 19 in honor of Miss Mary Boornsen, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr., of 1509 De Lancey street, will entertain at dinner on Wednesday night, January 20, in honor of Miss Margaret E. Scull, before the dance given by Mrs. John Cadwalader for Miss Mary Frances Fisher.

Among the guests at the ball given last night at the Bellevue-Stratford by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle for their debutante daughter, Miss Cordelia Biddle, were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Cox, Jr., and Mrs. William Coleman Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. James Francis Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, Miss Helen Struthers Ellis, Miss Mary Tyson Danckla, Miss Inez Drayton, Miss Emma Ashton Dorr, Miss Roberta Brown Downing, Miss Pauline Dison, Miss Harriet Deaver, Miss Mary Evelyn Chew, Miss Ruth Cox, Miss Mary Alice Clay, Miss Elizabeth L. A. Brewster, Miss Katherine Ashurst Bowie, Miss Margaret Handy Burton, Miss Charlotte Harding Brown, Miss Margaret Berwind, Miss Edith H. Baily, Miss Hope Truxton Beale, Miss Jean Christian Bullitt, Miss Ella Brock, Miss Edwina Elkins Bruner, Miss Phoebe Adams, Miss Alice Chapman Thompson, Miss Jean Newbold Thompson, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Gertrude Tower, Miss Hilda Tunis, Miss Marie Louise Wanamaker, Miss Anne Williams, of Baltimore; Miss Mary Brown Warburton, Miss Mary Stewart Wurts, Miss Elizabeth Wister, Miss Margot Ellis Scull, Miss Marian Eyre Savage, Miss Florence Johnson, Miss Alva Sergeant, Miss Ellen Jaquet Sellers, Miss Charlotte Rush, Miss Elizabeth Roberts Reath, Miss Virginia Roberts, Miss Isabel Wurts Page, Miss Cornelia Carter Laidy, Miss Ruth Mann, Miss Susan Brimmer Ingersoll, Miss Kate Furness Jayne, Miss Katharine H. Kremer, Miss Almee Hutchinson, Miss Anna Massey Heckscher, Miss Angela DeC. Forney, De Benneville Bell, John Cromwell Bell, Jr., Alexander Mercer Biddle, Jr., Charles Louis Bore, 3d, Edward Baird, Edward Brooke, Rodman Page, Cowan Bain, J. Hamilton Cheston, Jay Cooke, 4th, Eton Cromwell, Oliver Cromwell, Charles P. Davis, William Davis, Henry C. Drayton, John W. Drayton Joseph DuBarry, 3d, William H. DuBarry, Leighton Dunning, Norman Dunning, Edward Fielding Wilcox, Charles Wharton, Henry Redwood Wharton, Leonard Brooke Edwards, Edward M. Edwards, Thomas Knight Finletter, William Foster Fetterall, Walter L. Fetterall, Robert Fetterall Frazier, Emile C. Geyelin, Henry Laussat Geyelin, Jr., George J. Harding, George Harrington, Henry H. Houston, Daniel Hutchinson, 3d, Reginald Hutchinson, Winant Johnson, John F. G. Keen, Joseph B. Keen, Edwin H. Lewis, Montague Lyett, R. Alastair MacLeod, Philip Marvel, Jr., John W. Meare, MacLeish, Philip Merritt, James John Merritt, Jr., Henry R. Neilson, Dorr Ellsworth Newton, Joseph M. Patterson, 3d, William Platt Pepper, Emile Randolph, Philip S. P. Randolph, Jr., William Laurence Saunders, Forester Scott, John B. Shober, 2d, Pemberton H. Shober, William D. Stroud, Alexander D. Thayer, John Bouvier, Henry Tucker and Donald Tucker, of New York; William McAdoo, of Washington; Joseph Trevelyan Thayer, Russell Thayer, Jr., John B. Thayer, Jr., Richard R. Tighman, Morris Gates, Emory McMichael, Harry Hodge, Caspar Wistar, Barton Townsend, Andrew Wheeler, Rodman M. Wistar, Carol Wilcox and Harold Wilcox.

Miss Anne Williams, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Ella Brock at 2100 Spruce street.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. John Dyer, of 640 Main street, for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Marian Dyer, to Charles Herbert Hentz on Tuesday, January 19. The ceremony will be a quiet one and a reception for the friends of the bride and bridegroom will follow at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hentz will be at home after March 1 at 141 De Kalb street.

Miss Harriet M. Frazier and Miss Mary M. Mitchell have left town for New York, where they will be bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Genevieve Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Condon, and Philip D. Armour, which will take place tonight.

The Theatre Club, which was organized by Mrs. C. Stanley Hurlbut, will meet this evening for the second time this year. The members, of which there are more than 100, will go to see the "Peasant Girl," after which they will be motored to the Bellevue-Stratford for a supper and dancing. There will be two more meetings, one on February 15, and the other on March 22.

Miss Edith H. Baily, daughter of Frederick L. Baily, of Ardmore, will be given a theatre party, to be followed by supper and dancing tonight, by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Houston, of Drumm Hill, Chestnut Hill. The guests will include Miss Mary Stuart Wurts, Miss Marie Louise Wanamaker, Miss Mary Brown Warburton, Miss Hannah French Earle, Miss Mary E. Clayton, Miss Roberta Potter, Miss Gertrude Tower, Miss Edna H. Thompson, Miss Ruth Cox, Miss Charlotte Harding Brown, Miss Virginia Roberts, Miss Emille P. Kennedy, Miss Margaret C. Fenton, Edmund Thayer, A. Mercer Biddle, Jr., Charles J. Biddle, R. Livingston Sullivan, J. S. Jones, Jr., William H. Du Barry, Snowden Gould, Henry H. Houston, L. Murdoch, William H. Lax, Edward Harris, Harry B. Neilson, Edward C. McCall, William West Frazier, 3d, and Joseph W. Lewis.

Miss Florence Hambo, of 1445 De Kalb street, Ardmore, gave a reception and bridge yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Eleanor Dees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mueller, and Miss Sarah Boehm, of Philadelphia, who are the season's debutantes.

GERMANTOWN
Miss Mildred Cermant, of 510 Lincoln Drive, will entertain at luncheon and bridge on Tuesday, January 19, in honor of Miss Beatrice

Flood, whose marriage to Harry Butterworth will take place the latter part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Flood, of Wayne avenue and Horner street, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Beatrice Flood, and Harry Butterworth, also of Germantown, on Wednesday, January 27.

Miss Beatrice English, of West Schoolhouse lane, has as her guests Miss Miriam Crawford and Miss Vere Crawford, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

The senior class of the Stevens School will give a dance on Friday evening, January 15, at the Germantown Automobile Club. The members of the class are Miss Caroline Crother, president; Miss Maudie Bennett, Miss Grace Ballinger, Miss Alice Dillenbeck, Miss Caroline Osborn, Miss Clarice Forrest Moyer, Miss Jean Knox, Miss Dorothy Jenkins, Miss Dorothy McBride, Miss Elizabeth Houston, Miss Dorothy Steffan, Miss Molly Jones and Miss Margaret Zimmerman.

Miss Frances B. Kilgus, of Upsal street, will give a luncheon today at the Rittenhouse in honor of Miss Ruth Huston, of Moorestown.

Mrs. J. A. Aull, of 45 West Tulpehocken street, gave a small and informal dance last night at her home.

Miss Dorothy Burgess, of 6306 Germantown avenue, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lanning Harvey, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

ALONG THE MAIN LINE

HAVERTOWN—Mrs. Harold Roberts has issued invitations for a luncheon Thursday, January 14, in honor of Miss Mildred Mervin Jack, a debutante of this season. The guests will include Miss Eleanor Edmonds, Miss Frances Omerly, Miss Helen Gleason, Miss John Bromley, Miss Louise Eveland, Miss Eleanor Eveland, Mrs. Harold Hart, Mrs. Hart will be Mrs. Roberts' guest for several weeks.

Mrs. Roberts has also issued cards for bridge on Tuesday, January 26.

CHESTNUT HILL

Mrs. Samuel Y. Heebner, of 318 West Highland avenue, entertained at luncheon and bridge yesterday. Her guests numbered eight.

Mrs. A. S. Well, of 8718 Seminole avenue, has issued invitations for a dinner on Saturday, January 16, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

ALONG THE READING

Miss Marie Nellifer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Milton K. Nellifer, of Bend road, Wynnton, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, returned to Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., on Tuesday. Miss Nellifer's engagement to Chauncey D. Robinson, of Atlanta, Ga., was announced last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Leighton Kramer, of Sharpless avenue, Oak Lane, will entertain this evening at a "house warming," followed by a dance, in honor of Miss Jeanette Harker, of New York, who is at present the guest of Mrs. Kramer.

The house will be artistically decorated with pink roses and Christmas greens. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Dinger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beatty, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, Jr., Miss Doris Whetherbee, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Aarons, Geoffrey Radley, Richard Snyder, John Wilson and William Warner.

On Wednesday evening, January 13, Mr. and Mrs. Kramer will entertain at dinner, followed by a dance, in honor of Miss Harker. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beatty, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Aarons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Dinger, Jr., Miss Marion Gayley, Geoffrey Radley and Richard Snyder.

Miss Harker will return to New York on January 15.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. David Gregg Metheny, of 4609 Spruce street, is entertaining Miss Helen Putnam, of Nova Scotia, as her guest for the midwinter. Mrs. Metheny will give a luncheon of 16 covers next Tuesday for her guest and for Miss Lucille Elliott Morris, and early next month Miss Putnam will be the guest of honor at a dance to be given at the Philadelphia Country Club.

Mrs. Thomas Harris, of 46th and Pine streets, will give a tea this afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Lang Perkins, of 4047 Spruce street, will return today from New York, where she spent the holidays.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mayer, 4248 Spruce street, for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edna S. Mayer, to Maurice S. Cohen, of 1431 Diamond street. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday, January 19, at the St. James. The Rev. Dr. Krausopf will officiate. Miss Mayer will be attended by Mrs. J. M. Koch as matron of honor, and by Miss Marie Koch and Miss Ruth Koch as flower girls.

Mr. Cohen's brother, Stanley I. Cohen, will act as best man, and the ushers will be John M. Cohen and Eugene V. Mayer, a brother of the bride.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Howard Knight, of 4119 Walnut street, have announced the marriage of Miss Mildred Johnston Knight and Charles R. Murphy on Friday, December 11.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Miss Katherine E. Rigney, 1218 Webster street, will entertain the members of her "600" club at her home this evening. Her guests will be Miss Genevieve Eckfeldt, Miss Amelia M. Conway, Miss Marie V. Cante, James M. Kelly, John Reganold, John Rigney and William Rigney, Jr. A Chinese luncheon will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simmons have issued invitations for a dinner, followed by bridge, on Thursday evening, January 14, at their home, 1818 South Broad street. Covers will be laid for 16.

Mrs. Harry Black entertained the members of her "600" club yesterday at her home, 1118 South 18th street. Her guests were Mrs. James McCall, Mrs. George Hinkins, Miss Sarah Hinkins, Mrs. Mary V. Koria, Mrs. Edgar Pearson, Mrs. Walter Pearson, Mrs. Tomlinson, Miss May Morris, Mrs. Charles Shuster, Mrs. Robert Hayward, Mrs. Harry Black, Mrs. William Mohr, Miss Louise Black, Mrs. George Mueller, Mrs. R. G. Moore and Mrs. Harry Tyson.

Miss Helen Carroll, of Stenton, Pa., who has been the guest of Miss Ruth Heston at her home, 233 Catherine street, for the last few days, has returned to her home. Miss Heston entertained at her home last week.



MISS MARGARET HANDY BURTON
Miss Burton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burton, and is among the most popular of the season's debutantes.

DANCE AT NAVY YARD

Third Dance in Series of This Season Will Be Given Tonight in the Sail Loft.

The third dance in the series given this winter in the Navy Yard will take place this evening. These dances, which differ from those of former years in that they are informal, have proved very popular among the naval officers, their wives and friends, and many delightful dinners usually precede them.

Among the hostesses in the Navy Yard who will entertain tonight are Mrs. Benson, wife of Captain William Sheppard Benson, commandant of the yard; Mrs. Manner, wife of Lieutenant Commander R. T. Manner, U. S. N., who will give a dinner of ten covers for her guests; Mrs. Richard Frothingham, Miss Frothingham and Miss Wickham, Mrs. Smith, wife of Captain A. S. Smith, U. S. N., who will entertain at a dinner of ten covers in honor of her guest, Miss Gillett-Mill, of Washington.

There will also be several very delightful dinner parties among the hostesses in the Girard Estate. Mrs. Keyes, wife of Lieutenant Commander Raymond Stedman Keyes, U. S. N., will entertain in honor of her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moyer, of Riverton, and Mrs. Williams, wife of Captain A. S. Williams, U. S. M. C. will give a very large buffet dinner for the naval officers and their wives.

Naval Constructor A. B. Court, U. S. N., and Mrs. Court will entertain at dinner at their residence, 2530 South Lambert street. Among those who will attend are Naval Constructor and Mrs. Allan J. Chantry, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gibbons Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Herman, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Conway, Bardwell Lincoln, Arthur Lincoln, Miss Mary Lamb, Miss Margaret Halvey.

Captain William Strother Smith and Mrs. Smith will also entertain at dinner.

Lieutenant Charles A. Lutz, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Lutz entertained informally last night at their home, 3227 South 21st street, in honor of their guest, Mrs. Howe, of Chicago. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Captain Vulte, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Vulte, Lieutenant L. W. T. Waller, U. S. M. C.; Lieutenant Taylor, U. S. N.; Lieutenant S. W. Bogan, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Bogan, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Holley, Captain J. J. Meade, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Meade, Captain A. S. Williams, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Lieutenant W. F. Cochrane, U. S. N., and Mrs. Cochrane, Lieutenant Commander Guy A. Bisset, U. S. N., and Mrs. Bisset, Lieutenant Commander Raymond Stedman Keyes, U. S. N., and Mrs. Keyes, and Lieutenant Ralph L. Shepard, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Shepard.

Among those who will attend the Navy Yard dance tonight are the following young people from Germantown: Naval Constructor and Mrs. Edward Kintner, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tucker, Miss Sarah Clark, W. Nelloy, Miss Helen Daniel, Edward Walter, Clarence Brinton, Miss Bernice Berens, John Paulding, Lieutenant Griffiths, Naval Constructor and Mrs. Allan B. Chantry, Miss Dorothy Daniel and Charles Fell.

FRANKFORD

Miss Doris Bateman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bateman, of Asylum Heights, will return Monday to Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Silas Perry, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Bateman, will leave tomorrow for her home in Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. William Haselet, of Harrison street, will entertain the members of her sewing circle this afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Newman, of Penn street, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where she has been spending a fortnight with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burkley.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Miss Emily Boenning, daughter of Mr. Henry C. Boenning, of 2030 Green street, will entertain at a card party tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Among the guests will be Miss Ruth Landis, Miss Eleanor Jones, Miss Kathleen Winston, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Katharine Weaning, of Cleveland, O.

The Misses McGarvey, of 300 North 19th street, entertained on Wednesday evening at "600," followed by a dinner. The decorations were in white and pink. Among those at the dinner were the Rev. James Corbett, of St. Charles' Seminary, Overbrook; the Rev. Father Kelly, of the Cathedral; Dr. and Mrs. John Schenke, Mr. and Mrs. James Heron, Mr. and Mrs. Meszeta, Mrs. M. Lennon, Miss Lennon, Miss Bruce McGarvey, Miss Nellie McGarvey, Miss Rose McGarvey.

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

The Choral Society of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakdale and Sepviva streets, met last night in the home of Miss Luella Achuff, 2348 East Sergeant street.

A Dutch supper was given by the "Bachelors" at the residence of David Gelberg, 2348 Richmond street, this week. The guests were Miss M. Abrams, Miss C. Cohn, Miss D. Cohn, Miss E. Crossman, Miss S. Gelberg, Miss B. Greenbaum, Miss F. Hyman, Miss H. Heller, Miss M. Heller, Miss E. Levy, Miss E. Hendelsohn, Miss F. Guirtz, Miss R. Shaaron, E. Wolfsohn, H. Abrams, D. Brickman, H. H. Brickman, C. Cherry, B. Adelman, D. S. Gelberg, C. Green, N. Franks, J. Fuller, S. Kruser, H. Levy, D. Levin, L. Ryweck and D. Lubin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haegerle, of 115 North Hope street, entertained last night in honor of their son, John Haegerle, who is spending some time in the city before returning to Harrisburg. About 30 guests attended the affair last night.

TIOGA

Miss Vera Welzel, of 3149 North Broad street, will entertain the members of the T. W. Y. Club tomorrow afternoon. Her guests will be Miss Edith M. Lower, Miss Achaah Yates, Miss Vera Westcott, Miss Marjorie Wilson, Miss Emily Winkler, Miss May Taylor, Miss Katharine White, Miss Lida Yerkes, Miss Dorothy Wardle and Miss Florence Williams.

Mrs. William S. Kaiser, of 2045 West Ontario street, has announced the marriage of her niece, Miss Mary E. Blondell, to John A. Elmwachter, of North 13th street, on Wednesday morning at her home. The Rev. William A. Motley, of the Church of the Holy Souls, 19th and Tioga streets, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Geraldine Cator, as maid of honor. Dr. M. P. Corcoran was the best man. The service was followed by a breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Elmwachter left on a tour through the South. They will be at home after February 1 at 1922 Lavere street, Germantown.

ROXBOROUGH

Miss Ruth J. Frame, of 5932 Ridge avenue, gave a delightful musicale last night at her home. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lloyd, Clarence Westerman, Everard Kelly, Howard Butler, Miss Myrtle Blace, Miss E. Adelaide Frame, Richard Wahl, Earl Strickland, Miss Agnes Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Leona Strickland, Miss Hettie E. Sheldrake, Dr. Jessie Gray Frame, Miss May Frame, Miss Edith McDonald, George Bonard, Miss Florence Corman, Lester Hankin, Miss Marian M. Frame and Dr. Christian Frame.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker, of 1481 Butler street, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice M. Whitaker, to Frederick C. Brink, Jr., of South 52d street, on Thursday night, December 31. Mr. and Mrs. Brink are spending their honeymoon in eastern New York, and will be at home after January 15 at 49th and Walnut streets.

STANLEY

Mrs. Jolly writes: With all the pent-up scorn of my loyal Tipperary heart, I resent the insult and utter this public and indignant protest against such prostitution of my heritage, the blood and spirit of the Tipperary my mother loved. She describes the song as "maudlin, mendacious set of jingling, meaningless doggerel, sung in ragtime, by the poltroons wearing the lobster back uniform of the British army," and adds, God love and bless sweet Tipperary, for my heart is surely there; and it's there I'm longing to be to tell the "matchless men of Tipperary" to continue to refuse to accept the King's shilling, to refuse to wear the livery of the British tyrant, to refuse to listen to England's mad appeals for Irish volunteers to fight Ireland's old friends.

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Changing the Subject

Among the non-war articles, one of the most notable is found in the Catholic World, in which a priest, Father Cuthbert, O. S. F., writes (6):

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Does Not Apply to "Billy" Sunday
Bruce Barton, who, like Max Eastman, is the son of a clergyman, and is in addition the sales manager of a large publishing house, writes breezily on "The Tyranny of the Text" (8). He evidences his confessed newspaper training in his objection to what he considers the false psychology of the minister's procedure in preaching a sermon: There is an almost breathless interest as he steps to the front of the platform. What will he say? Surely a striking sentence that will crystallize the attention into interest. Any salesman will say that the first sentence of the "canvass" is worth all the other sentences together. Any newspaper man knows the story is made or lost in the first half-dozen words. So the audience leans forward a little, the preacher's eyes flash, he says—what? "Matthew, the sixth chapter and the 28th verse" (Pause). "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin. Matthew, sixth chapter and 28th verse. Something like a deep sigh rises out of the audience, a rustle as of many souls taking leave of their bodies, and they spin. Matthew, sixth chapter and 28th verse. The whole crowd settles back dejectedly, the altar is revived, it now will require an almost superhuman exertion.

MRS. JOHN O'CONNELL

Mrs. O'Connell will be remembered as Miss Alice Mullin. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell have returned from their wedding trip and are living at Overbrook.

BEST THOUGHT OF AMERICA

Digest of the Magazines

- (1) Atlantic Monthly — "Christianity and the War."
- (2) Theosophical Quarterly — "The Spiritual Value of War."
- (3) The Pilot—Protest of Mrs. E. R. Jolly.
- (4) Christian Advocate—"British Pulpits in War Time."
- (5) The Masses—"Knowledge and Revolution."
- (6) Catholic World—"Literature and Religion."
- (7) Hilbert Journal—Quotation in Current Opinion.
- (8) Outlook—"The Tyranny of the Text."

RELIGION

CHRISTIANITY, culture and civilization have all received their full share of criticism in the magazine press for allowing the war to happen. A majority of the articles on religious topics in the secular press this winter have taken war as their theme, and it is interesting to note, without regard to what it indicates, that most of the articles written from the religious point of view do not attempt to apologize for the war, but are rather on the defensive for the necessity of war.

There is some calling religion to account for failure in this crisis. Others argue as to how the church can help civilization out of its present predicament. Some of the religious journals pursue the even tenor of their way discussing heresies, preaching their "doctrines," undisturbed by war's alarms.

Agnes Repplier, one of Philadelphia's most distinguished writers, speaks of the situation with unaccustomed severity in "Christianity and the War" (1). She characterizes as amazing the flabbiness of our peace talk and the mournful forebodings of pious Christians who lament the failure of Christianity to reconcile the irreconcilable.

Whatever is morally right is in accord with Christianity, she says. To speak loosely of war as un-Christian is to ignore not only the Christian right, but the Christian duty, which rests with every nation and with every man to protect that of which nation and man are lawful protectors. Even aggressive warfare is not necessarily a denial of the Christianity it affronts. For years we have chosen to believe that arbitration would secure for the world a maximum of comfort at a minimum of cost, and that the religion of humanity would achieve what the religion of Christ has never achieved.

The Theosophical Quarterly goes further than this. Ignoring considerations of offensive and defensive, justified and unjustified, it defends war as a valuable and necessary element in our evolution, and as an essential part of the theosophical cult (2). They say that they are

Compelled to recognize and assert the spiritual value of war. Peace is sought and praised, not so much as a spiritual victory over selfishness, but rather as a means to a secure field for the growth of selfish self-indulgence. Of course all kinds of plans are made for family life for domestic bliss and well-being, for the hearts of women and children, but under all this is the assumption, which we cannot but think is at once base and essentially false, that our real well-being lies in self-will and self-indulgence; that further to good and the good of the world on the basis of sheer materialism and all through the ages of organic evolution, we find no growth without danger and self-sacrifice, that the surest and most enduring growth has invariably been made in the face of imminent and impending death. The spiritual life is a ceaseless warfare; we hold that earthly warfare has lessons invaluable, lessons not to be learned in peace; for this reason, but under all this is the assumption, the long warfare against active indulgence forces of evil for the making of immortals, for the redemption of the soul.

"Long Way to Tipperary"

Sometimes the incidentals are more interesting than the main theme, and it is always interesting to follow out the remote reactions and complications of any great event. Far in the wake of the world war and the singing of "Tipperary" follows a protest from Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, of Providence, R. I., national president of the auxiliaries of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is published in the Boston Pilot, the official organ of Cardinal O'Connell in Boston (3). The protest receives a certain amount of sanction from the following editorial comment: "Mrs. Jolly doesn't mince nor spare words in her condemnation of misrepresentation of the Irish race, nor of the attempts to duddle it."

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Bruce Barton, who, like Max Eastman, is the son of a clergyman, and is in addition the sales manager of a large publishing house, writes breezily on "The Tyranny of the Text" (8). He evidences his confessed newspaper training in his objection to what he considers the false psychology of the minister's procedure in preaching a sermon: There is an almost breathless interest as he steps to the front of the platform. What will he say? Surely a striking sentence that will crystallize the attention into interest. Any salesman will say that the first sentence of the "canvass" is worth all the other sentences together. Any newspaper man knows the story is made or lost in the first half-dozen words. So the audience leans forward a little, the preacher's eyes flash, he says—what? "Matthew, the sixth chapter and the 28th verse" (Pause). "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin. Matthew, sixth chapter and 28th verse. Something like a deep sigh rises out of the audience, a rustle as of many souls taking leave of their bodies, and they spin. Matthew, sixth chapter and 28th verse. The whole crowd settles back dejectedly, the altar is revived, it now will require an almost superhuman exertion.

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